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His warmth, his dumb dad games ("this foot is mad at this foot"), his silly catch-phrases, love of PB&Js and the *New York Times*, and his enormous appetite.
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At one o'clock on Thursday afternoons, beginning July 6, Monterey women will be getting together for convivial conversation, to relax, catch up, and socialize.
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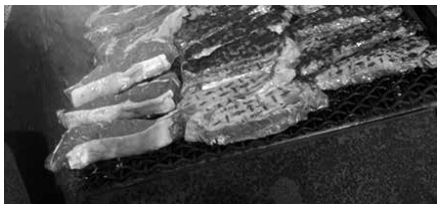

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Lake Garfield Working Group
July 2017

The Lake Garfield Working Group (LGWG) appreciates the trust placed in it by town residents to lead the exploration of milfoil management options in Lake Garfield. Article 14, which passed by an overwhelming vote at our annual town meeting, provides funding for suction harvesting and containment of the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil (milfoil) within the lake, and is not to be used to fund any purchase or use of herbicides. Encouraged by this vote of confidence, the LGWG has continued to delve into the most effective and efficient strategies for managing milfoil.

Short Term Action

We have learned that it is not only best to conduct suction harvesting in April and May (when milfoil biomass is at its lowest), but that the administrative process of securing a contractor would take so much time that suction harvesting would likely not occur this year until as late as September. Suction harvesting at that time of year would, according to the experts we consulted, be ineffective and a waste of taxpayer money. So, to make the best use of the allocated town funds and achieve the greatest impact, we are planning to conduct milfoil harvesting in the spring of 2018.

At the same time, we want to take action this summer, and will do so by securing a contractor to install "fragmentation control barriers" around the densest patch of milfoil. The purpose is to divert watercraft away from this patch to reduce milfoil propagation through fragmentation. The select board and harbor master Gareth Backhaus are in support of this endeavor, and approval is being sought from the conservation commission to ensure that temporary anchoring poses no negative impact to the lake bottom. To notify the public about these barriers, reflective surface buoys will be installed around the roped-off patch, signs will be placed at the town beach and public boat launch, and letters or emails will be sent to all property owners with private lake access. The fragmentation control barrier would be removed around the end of September.

Longer Term Planning

The LGWG wants to draft a multi-year Lake Garfield Health Management Plan informed by science and community engagement. Scientific data on lake nutrient levels is currently being collected and compiled through the lake water analysis study (funded through the 604b grant). Furthermore, targeted milfoil mapping, a process organized by the Friends of Lake Garfield, will continue this summer to help us better understand milfoil trends and, over time, to measure progress of management techniques.

In terms of community engagement, we continue to collect Lake Garfield surveys to get a clearer sense of community member perspectives on the health of the lake. We encourage all interested parties to fill out this survey before the end of July, when they will be collected and synthesized. Surveys, as well as a collection box, can be found in the town hall foyer.

The LGWG intends to organize a public forum to foster open dialogue on lake health management that integrates scientific facts and community values. We intend to invite the experts involved in the above study and mapping, as well as experienced practitioners from other lakes that have addressed similar challenges. We would like the forum to be interactive, with community members sharing ideas and commitments to concrete actions to support lake health.

This article is presented by the Lake Garfield Working Group, a Town of Monterey committee charged with helping sustain Lake Garfield, a town treasure. Meetings of the LGWG are open to the public and are held at the town hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

—Eric Danforth and Dominic Stucker,
Lake Garfield Working Group

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Monterey Broadband Update

The bottom line: Fiber Connect is the only solution available for a minimum of the next two and a half years.

For those who would like to have high performance internet/broadband access sooner than later, there is only one solution available to residents of Monterey, and that is Fiber Connect. To determine timing and availability for your location, go to berkshirefiberconnect.com.

The Monterey Broadband Committee/Municipal Light and Power (MLP) is still working with the state to gain closure on the best "whole town" solution for Monterey. There is currently $1.1 million in grant money available to Monterey and one of our priorities is to work with the state to make sure that the grant monies are allocated to us.

The state has two rigidly defined programs available to the towns for broadband network creation. Given the presence of Fiber Connect, Monterey does not currently fit into either program. The first program directs funding to "qualified" vendors, such as Charter Cable. Fiber Connect has yet to be fully vetted by the state and is currently not an approved solution for the grant monies. The Monterey MLP has successfully appealed to the Massachusetts Housing and Economic Development Secretary to take a closer look at Fiber Connect. That review will be conducted soon.

The second state program is designed for those towns that have decided to build, own, operate, and maintain their own networks. Monterey does not currently qualify for this program as we are seeking funds for approximately 30% of the town as opposed to a whole town build.

Why is Fiber Connect the only solution for the next two and a half years?

In discussions with Charter, they have stated that deployment of a solution for Monterey is approximately two and a half years from contract signing. Currently, we are nowhere near any kind of contract with Charter, and there are currently no plans for talks in the near term. This could change depending on the outcome of the aforementioned vetting process for Fiber Connect.

As you have most likely seen and heard, Fiber Connect is hanging fiber and installing equipment in the areas that are first in their business plan. As a private company, Fiber Connect has the flexibility to deploy where and when they see fit. Their current plan, as known to the MLP, calls for wiring and lighting the fiber to close to 70% of the town sometime by the end of March 2018. They will light up the fiber as installed in a rolling deployment. The first homes in the Lake Garfield area are expected to be online very soon. With this in mind, the MLP is pursuing the state grant monies to pay for the deployment of the last 30% of the network begun by Fiber Connect.

The mechanics for receiving the grant monies are also something that the state will have to work out given the rigidly defined programs.

What should I do?

If you want to implement high speed internet/broadband sooner than later, then Fiber Connect is your only option. Should you desire to wait and see what happens with the state, then you would continue with your current solution.

Please feel free to contact us at Broadband@montereyma.gov with any questions you may have.

—Cliff Weiss
Monterey Broadband Committee

Note: See page 20 for news from Fiber Connect.

August "Monterey News" to be Late

The August issue of the *Monterey News* will not be available until later in the first week of August. Every effort has been made to gather and publish event listings through August 7. You will find events happening up to that date in the calendar, in the text of articles, and in some advertisements.

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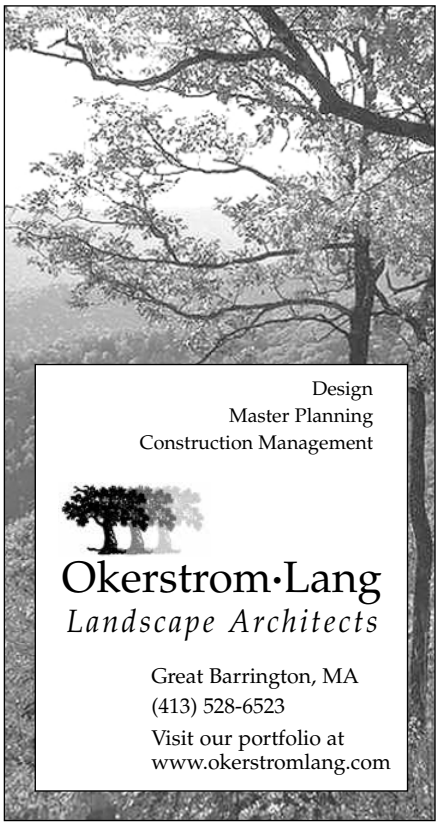

Why We Should Recycle

How many of us recycle? A visit to the Monterey transfer station might leave you thinking that everyone in the town recycles. Cardboard/paper, bottles/cans/plastic, tires, metal goods, all have a dumpster ready to receive the items. There are plenty of excuses (yes, excuses) why people don't recycle."It doesn't make a difference," "It's too hard to do," or maybe even "They don't pay me to do it." But, are any of these reasons, honestly, justification to not recycle? Recycling has both immediate and long-term effects on our community, state, and planet, all of which are good—how many can say that about not recycling? Here are some reasons why you should care about recycling.

Energy

One of the most important benefits of recycling is that it saves a lot of energy. When we recycle, manufacturers don't have to go through the long process of producing something completely new from our depleting natural resources. In using recycled materials, we directly affect the energy consumption of production companies. In the end, this helps keep production costs down, and when production costs are down, guess who ends up saving money? That's right, we do. While not incredibly major or abrupt, over time, the savings do add up.

Landfill Reduction

The most notable benefit of recycling is the reduction in the size of landfills, and the need for them all together. Paper recycling alone saves millions of trees. The average person in the US generates over four pounds of trash every day, and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year. Americans make more than two hundred million tons of garbage each year, enough to fill Foxborough Stadium from top to bottom twice a day, every day.

Environment and Climate

The less resources companies need, the less tree-chopping and ground-digging they're doing. Our ecosystem is very fragile. Recycling is also good for the climate. Goods made from recycled materials require less water, use less energy, and also create considerably less pollution. This directly affects the amount of carbon being produced, which then reduces the amount of unhealthy greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere. These are immediate and long-term benefits of recycling, which not only apply to you and your neighbors, but to your family, and your family's family down the line.

Yes, recycling may be a bit more difficult than just tossing everything into a bag, but when has doing the right thing ever been easy? We all need to take recycling, and its benefits, more seriously—if not for ourselves, then for the future (i.e everybody's children).

Food Waste

Monterey Leads the Way

Most people don't realize how much food they throw away every day — from uneaten leftovers to spoiled produce. About 95% of the food we throw away ends up in landfills or combustion facilities. In 2014, we disposed of more than thirty-eight million tons of food waste in the US. By managing food sustainably, and reducing waste, Monterey can save money, keep compostable materials out of landfills, and create compost for our home flower and vegetable gardens.

Food waste and Compost

Our new recycle program, starting July 29, will turn kitchen food waste into garden ready compost. Working with Gould Farm and the MA Environmental Protection Agency Compost Initiative Group, Monterey received funding to cover the costs associated with a food waste-to-compost experimental program. There will be counter-top food waste containers available for residents who want to participate, and a specialized dumpster to receive the food waste at the transfer station. Pick up your countertop container at the transfer station. There is no cost for the container, only a commitment to bring your home food waste to the transfer station.

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Gould Farm will remove the food waste on a regular basis and include it in their large scale compost project. At regular intervals there will be garden ready compost available to take home. We're excited about this program, not only because it removes recyclable materials from the waste stream but it also links the town with Gould Farm in a positive and beneficial way.

What can be composted
- Fruit and vegetables
- Coffee Grounds/Filters
- Tea/ tea bags
- Bread/Grains
- Paper Towels
- Cut Flowers
- Paper Napkins

What can't be Composted
- Meat/bones
- Fish
- Chemicals
- Dairy
- Cardboard

Bulky Rigid Plastics

Another new recycle program

Working with our waste hauler, Valley Disposal, and the MA State Department of Environmental Protection, we will be asking residents to separate bulky rigid plastic items and dispose of them in a separate dumpster. What is "bulky rigid plastic"?

Think kids outdoor play things (big wheels, plastic play houses, etc.), clothes baskets, anything that is made of plastic, is large and bulky in size, and not easy to bend. These items take up a huge amount of space in our bulky waste dumpster and costs us money in hauling and separating fees at the recycle plant. Working with the MA DEP, Monterey received a grant to purchase a dumpster to be used only for bulky rigid plastic. This will result in less monies expended by the town and more items being recycled responsibly.

And Reuse!

Lastly, Monterey has a wonderful facility for reusing items in good condition. It's called the Swap Shop. Check it out, bring things, take things.

—Kenn Basler

From the Town of Monterey Bylaws:
August 25 and 31, 1989; May 3, 2003
Section 1. Mandatory Recycling
In order to implement a program of recycling in conjunction with ordinary waste disposal, residents of every household shall separate waste material into the following categories before depositing the same for disposal:
1) glass and cans,
2) paper and corrugated paper (cardboard),
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SAT, JULY 15 4:00 PM $10
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SAT, JULY 22 7:00 PM FREE
KARAOKE EVENING

SAT, JULY 29 8:00 PM $15
BOBBY SWEET

These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Sandisfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Conservation Commission Needs New Members

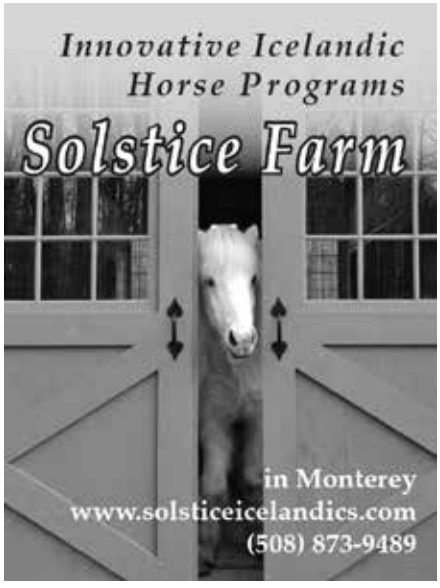
The conservation commission performs a valuable and vital function for the town of Monterey by protecting the wetland areas of our town.

Wetland resource areas provide critical habitat to wildlife and help maintain the aesthetic beauty of our town. They also provide priceless yet "free" services, including:
- Drinking water purification
- Groundwater recharge
- Flood control
- Pollution prevention

The Massachusetts Conservation Commission Act, passed in 1957, authorized each town in Massachusetts to establish a locally appointed municipal agency to plan for natural resource protection, acquire important land and water areas, and manage these properties for conservation and passive recreation. Permitting for any development project begins with the conservation commission.

The conservation commission is accepting letters of interest from residents to fill a vacancy on the commission for a three-year term. The commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Residents willing to serve are encouraged to send a letter of interest, either by email to admin@montereyma.gov or by regular mail to Monterey Conservation Commission, PO Box 308, Monterey, MA 01245.



More Library Hours in July and August—Thursday mornings, 9 to 12:30

Monterey Library Notes

As we did last year, during July and August we will be open Thursday mornings from 9 to 12:30. We look forward to seeing everyone more often.

Annual Plant and Book Sale

Our annual plant and book sale will be on Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be accepting donations until July 15. Please, no textbooks, magazines, foreign language books, or damaged materials of any kind. Call the library at 413-528-3795, or email montereylibrary@gmail.com, if you need help getting the donations here. Please also come and buy some books from the Friends of the Library to help support our building project.

Summer Programs for Kids

We will be having a summer reading program to encourage the kids to read or listen to books. Please stop in during July and August and sign up. There are many incentives to help all the children feel rewarded for reading, and we can find them fun things to read so they will be sure to enjoy it.

We also will be doing our popular summer children's programming. We hope to see many people here this summer. Kids of all ages, including grandparents, have enjoyed them over the years. Jim Snack will be coming on July 1. He is a magician that even has the adults puzzled, and his love for this library has made it easy to have him back for our kickoff. On July 8, Kevin Kopchynski will talk about "Stories of the Night Sky." On July 15, Jonathan Keezing will bring his puppets and give a show called "Timeless Tales." Davis Bates will be here on July 22, singing and storytelling, titled "Under One Sky." Davis is another performer you won't want to miss.

We take a break on July 29 for the book sale. But we have lots of children's books this year, so bring the kids on by. On August 5, Tom Sieling will sing "Take a Tromp Through the Swamp." His interactive singing program will be a great way to start the day. Our final performance will be on August 12, with Jeff Boyer, better known as the Bubble Man. He will perform "Bubble Trouble." When he was here several years ago he put bubbles around people! His show is an amazing way to end our programs.

All the shows are Saturdays, at 10:30 a.m., and last about an hour. Everyone is different so don't miss any. We've got links on the calendar so you can check out the performers in advance and see how great they are. There is also a separate program listing on page 13 that you can cut out and post in your house.

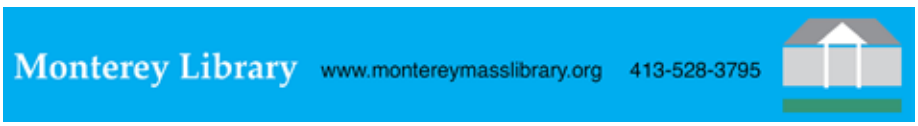
Other Programs and News

As always, keep checking our website for events. The adult book discussion group has been meeting for years and always welcomes new participants. We've had inquiries from various people about offering poetry reading and other adult programs, as well as our gallery shows, so bookmark that website: montereymasslibrary.org and keep up to date on what is going on.

Don't forget our museum pass program. We don't reserve the passes but you can certainly call ahead to check availability for specific passes. On the library website, under "Resources" you can find a listing of all the museums for which we have passes.

Finally, on July 13, sometime in the early afternoon, we will receive an email from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners giving us our ranking for the construction grant. Stay tuned to the website for the latest information and plans as to how we will proceed, which may depend on that ranking. The votes by the town were so overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who voted! You sent a clear message to Boston that we would like to improve our library and we hope they heard. Check the website on the 13th for the ranking!

—Mark Makuc
Library Director



From the Tax Collector's Office:

The fiscal year 2018 real estate and personal property bills for the first quarter will be mailed on July 1 and are due August 1. If you do not receive your bill, please contact the tax collector's office at (413) 528-1443 x117.

Please direct all questions regarding assessments, abatement applications, and personal property taxes to the board of assessors, PO Box 488, Monterey, MA 01245, or call (413) 528-1443 x115.

To accommodate taxpayers who want the convenience of paying Monterey real estate and personal property taxes online, an online payment option is available. To pay your tax, you must have your current bill and checkbook or credit card in hand. Log on to montereyma.gov and click on "Pay Taxes Online." You will need to enter your current bill number and the current bill year (2018). The bank will assess a minimal fee of $0.25 per transaction. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover credit cards will be accepted. Please note the credit card company will charge the taxpayer a fee for the service. This fee is not assessed by or paid to the Town of Monterey.

—Mari Enoch
Tax Collector

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Lifeguard Hours

There will be a lifeguard daily at the town beach from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Labor Day. There will not be a lifeguard during inclement weather.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be provided by the Parks Commission during early August. For further information, stay tuned to notices posted on the lifeguard shed and in the August *Monterey News*.

Movie Night

On Saturday, August 5, at 8:30 p.m., come enjoy the family movie night at Greene Park. Share an evening of candy, popcorn, and laughs with your family and friends at this totally free event sponsored by the parks commission. A movie selection has not yet been made as of the end of June, but be on the look-out for posters and announcements from the town.

— Monterey Parks Commission

MONTEREY LIBRARY

Extra Summer Hours on Thursday

Monday.....7–9 p.m.
Tuesday .... 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Wednesday .....2–5 p.m.
Thursday .. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
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Friday.....4–8 p.m.
Saturday9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
.....7–9 p.m.

Phone 528-3795

Free Concert

Saturday, July 8

The Monterey Cultural Council is pleased to announce a free concert to be held at the Meetinghouse Church, on July 8, at 4 p.m.

The concert will perform Schubert's *Water Music: Songs of the Flow of Life and Love*. Great Barrington artists Doug Schmolze, tenor, and Larry Wallach, pianist, will present select songs of Franz Schubert on the theme of water— from the babbling brook of the "Schoene Muellerin" (Miller's lovely Daughter), to the frozen tears of "Winterreise" (Journey in Winter), to the ocean's expanse and depths. The program will contain several of Schubert's most beloved songs—Der Lindenbaum (The Linden Tree), Die Forelle (The Trout), and Staendchen (Serenade), as well as select "Moments Musical" for piano. The songs will be sung in the original German, with explanatory notes and printed translations.

Admission is free. Free-will offerings to help support the church can be made at the door.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Monterey Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Sunday Service · 10 a.m.
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Elizabeth Goodman, Pastor

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Steven Weisz

Steak Roast Time Again

Saturday, July 29

Tickets are now on sale for the Monterey Fire Company's annual steak roast on Saturday, July 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The steak roast draws more than seven hundred townspeople and summer visitors. In addition to the food—steaks, swordfish, assorted side dishes, salad, desserts, beer, wine, and soft drinks—there will be entertainment for the children as well as live music by The Lucky 5.

Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 on the day of the event. Your advance purchase helps the fire company plan accurately and limit waste of the fundraiser dollars.

Tickets can be purchased in any of the following ways:

- from any Monterey firefighter,
- in downtown Monterey and at the transfer station on weekend mornings during July,
- on Wednesday evenings at the firehouse, 411 Main Road, from 7 to 9 p.m.,
- by calling 528-3136 (leave a message, someone will get back to you),
- or online at montereyfire.org.

We look forward to everyone coming out for a great time, some excellent food, and the opportunity to help the fire company maintain our fire house.

— Monterey Fire Company

Having a Good Day

- A dark storm is gathering before the steak roast, but it blows over.
- A meeting you have no wish to attend is cancelled at the last minute.
- After putting it off, you finally go to buy something expensive, and find it's on sale.

Monterey Community Center

The Monterey Community Center is seeing regular use, and there is room in the calendar for your events.

Here is how to see what is on the schedule—check our new website at ccmonterey.org where you will always find, among other things, the current event calendar. In order to schedule your own event or activity, please contact our event coordinator by emailing calendar@ccmonterey.org, or by calling 413-528-3600 and leaving a voicemail.

Your meetings and activities are welcome as long as they fit in the schedule with other reservations. For Monterey residents, landowners and groups, there is no cost for booking the space for public and private activities, though donations are always appreciated. If your event is commercial in nature there will be a small charge. We are working on a series of classes and events sponsored by the center itself; you will see publicity for them as they are arranged.

Thanks as always for your support.

—Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House

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Kundalini Yoga

Monday Mornings

Please join the Monterey community Kundalini yoga practice each Monday morning, now starting at 9 a.m., beginning July 3, and continuing through the summer. For the hour and a half you will engage in this ancient yoga— the grand daddy of all yoga.

Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of Kundalini yoga is to create vitality, balance, and clarity in the body as well as in the mind and spirit. It is for *everybody*—no age requirement and no yoga experience necessary. Just show up with a willingness to explore the potential of this yoga for yourself. You begin right where you are, which is perfect for you. Each week the practice is directed towards positive change in the body. Some examples are for brain balancing, strengthening the body systems, and building your magnetic field (aura). The benefits include improved vitality, ridding the body of brain fog, oxygenizing the blood, and increased circulation of spinal fluid, all bringing increased aliveness to you.

The practice includes centering oneself, bringing attention within through chanting and increasing prana (breath) in the body through specific breathing techniques. All postures follow the breath directing the inhale and the exhale. This creates an internal and external focus of energy moving within and around the body. Practicing together gives the added benefit of creating a group consciousness enhancing the practice. Modifications are given when necessary so that each person receives the maximum benefit creating his or her own personal experience. Rest periods between postures allow for integration of the activated energy. A meditation ends the practice using mantra (sound) and mudras (hand positions).

The Future

At this time in our history, there is a great need to elevate oneself through these uncertain fast-paced times. "Turn on, tune in, and drop in," is an applicable motto for Kundalini practice. The more we make space to turn towards our truest self, the more we become in rhythm with our body, mind, and spirit. Kundalini yoga gives each person the opportunity to offer a place where one can engage in one's own transformation and build a self-support system. Additionally, the future that we face promises great challenge, great opportunity, and great awakening. We need stillness in the midst of this blinding speed of shifting change. Kundalini yoga works to provide this for you. This *place* creates an opening for hope, for potential, for human goodness, and for compassion. Opening up to this possibility will create the energy for you to become more available to your full potential and in turn, opens the door to serve others.

Maureen Banner

A donation of $10 is asked, half of which returns back to the community center to support the building and further programs. This helps the growth of the community center so it can continue in its mission. Out-of-town people are always welcome. Light refreshments are served following the practice. What a deal. Call Susan Cain with any question at 203-249-8958. Also, she can be contacted at susancain9@gmail.com. Pre-registration through email is helpful, but not mandatory.

—Susan Cain

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Vikki True-Eclectichorus
Beginning July 11

If you are thinking about joining Vikki True's Eclectichorus in Monterey, just come on down.

We will be meeting every Tuesday for six weeks, beginning on July 11, at 7 p.m., at the Monterey Community Center, 468 Main Road. Even if you cannot commit to every week, just show up when you can.

We will be taking part in a six-week workshop of singing and drumming, led by Vikki, with Peter Schneider accompanying on keyboard. We hope to give a concert at the culmination. This is going to be enjoyable even if you have concerns about your musical abilities.

Search for Vikki True on YouTube, to see and hear her performing with the Sweet Sisters of Mercy, and with Paul Ellis.

If you have questions or concerns please call 528-3600. No need to call to register. We now know we have enough to make it a go. The more the merrier.

—Mary Makuc

Yoga and Healing

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Join us on Wednesday, July 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the community center, to explore some of the aspects of diet and lifestyle that influence your health in ways you may never have imagined. Local yoga teacher, Connie Wilson, will lead a workshop that is not only informative, but interactive and experiential, so you can begin to observe yourself and your health in ways that go beyond latching on to the latest trend. Preregister for $10 by calling Connie at 528-3798. No previous experience with yoga is necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and bring an open mind. Be prepared to see the world and yourself in a new way!

—Connie Wilson

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Women Talk

At one o'clock on Thursday afternoons, beginning July 6, Monterey women will be getting together for convivial conversation, to relax, catch up, and socialize, in an informal setting. Bring your own coffee, tea, or lemonade. We'll meet at the Monterey Community Center.

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Sandisfield Arts Center Exhibits

July: Artist Tina Castiblanco's gallery show runs from July 1 to July 29.

Tina describes her source experience as an artist as follows:

"My experiences visiting and living in different countries have contributed to how my observations and memory of the local landscapes, architecture and cultural encounters have entered into my artwork. I feel a constant, yet non-conflicting dichotomy within myself, and my art of the universal and the local. In this dichotomy I see the cultural, iconographic, geographic commonalities in the world; while still understanding the intrinsic uniqueness that exists within a place that enables a distinct ethnic and aesthetic experience."

August: Artist Ann-Marie Light will exhibit from August 5 to August 26. An opening reception will take place on August 5, at 2 p.m.

Born and raised in New York City, Ann-Marie studied painting at Hunter College and The Cooper Union. After graduating from The Cooper Union she began a career as an advertising art director, winning numerous awards in both print and TV. She later resumed painting, and her work has appeared in group shows including the Provincetown Workshop, Provincetown, MA; Housatonic Valley Art League, Great Barrington, MA; Trinity Gallery, Lime Rock, CT; and the 510 Warren Street Gallery, Hudson, NY. Awards include The Cooper Union Fine Art Award, three summer painting scholarships at the Provincetown Workshop, nomination for a painting residency at the Vermont Studio Center, and HVAL Award of Excellence. She currently lives and works in Sheffield, MA and New York City.

Above-Goldenrod Galls*, by Tina Castiblanco. Below*-Coup D'Etat*, by Ann-Marie Light.*

The Sandisfield Arts Center is located at 5 Hammertown Road, in Sandisfield, MA. For more information, go to their website at sandisfieldartscenter.org.

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Otis Council on Aging Trips

2017 Schedule

The Otis Council on Aging has a solid agenda of upcoming trips, and if there's room, they'd be happy to put your name on the list. There are variable prices on trips, and deposits required upon sign up. Some trips have a waiting list.

July 17 to 19: Pennsylvania Dutch & Sight and Sound Theater, featuring "Jonah." $359 per person for two, $50 deposit at sign-up. The bus departs Otis at 7 a.m.
August 22: Newport Playhouse featuring lobsterfest menu and a theater production of "Baggage."
September 12: Aqua-Turf club, full course dinner, and music of "Motown."
October 26: Oktoberfest at the Grand Summit Lodge at Mt. Snow, West Dover, VT, featuring a German buffet lunch.
November 15: Thanksgiving lunch at the Egremont Country Club.
December 20: Christmas lunch at Cork 'N' Hearth in Lee.

For more information, or to sign on to a trip, call Ralph Gleason, Otis Council on Aging chair, at (413) 269-0100, ext. 107

—Ruth Champigny
Monterey Council on Aging

Transfer Station Summer Hours

Sunday	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Who's Winning the War on Milfoil?

The areas of dense milfoil have expanded dramatically in each of the last three years. The town of Monterey has voted $50,000 for diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH). The Lake Garfield Working Group has made great planning strides over this winter. Unhappily, it will take until the spring of 2018 to get permitting to put plans into action. This summer the plan is to rope off dense areas of milfoil to prevent boats from driving through, fragmenting the milfoil and thus allowing it to spread.

In the meantime, the Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) need your help and support. We plan to start to organize and educate volunteers to do hand-pulling of milfoil and supplement the funding from the town where necessary.

How Can You Help?

The next question is how can you help? And the answer is, you can start by joining the Friends of Lake Garfield.

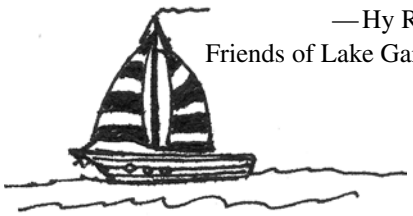
Family membership is only $35 for 2017. Or, you can become a Special Friend for $100, a Super Special Friend for $200, or a Joyfully Generous Friend for any amount of your choice.

Please include, along with your check, your name, address, email address, and phone number. Make checks out to Friends of Lake Garfield, and mail them to PO Box 355, Monterey, MA 01245. Contributions are fully tax deductible.

The next meeting of the FLG will be Saturday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the town beach, or at the fire house, depending on weather. There will be important updates at that meeting, as well as an opportunity to answer your questions, address your concerns, and listen to your suggestions.

Questions? Try our website, lakegarfieldma.com. You can also call Richard Jaffe (413-528-2182) or Hy Rosen (413-528-9090).

—Hy Rosen
Friends of Lake Garfield



Steve Graves

Otis Country Fair

Saturday, July 8, the Otis Library and Museum will hold its country fair at the Otis Town Hall. This fair attracts hundreds of tourists, second-home owners, and Berkshire County residents. The fair features over fifty vendors offering crafts, food, and fun. Also we will be drawing for our wonderful raffle prizes.

Monterey Graduates

Lanna Knoll

Berkshire Country Day School celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2017 at an awards and graduation ceremony held Wednesday, June 14. The graduates included Monterey resident Lanna Knoll, who received the following awards:

- Butler Academic Prize (for highest GPA)
- Marilyn Orner Cromwell Art Prize
- Phillips Citizenship Award
- G. James Fawcett English Prize
- Philip Potter Latin Prize
- Thomson Science Prize

Lanna will attend Miss Hall's School in September. —Proud parents Sue and Phil Knoll

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Steak Roast

Saturday, July 29

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- At the Transfer Station
- Call 528-3136 and leave a message
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Angels, Unaware

Whenever I see her again, no matter how long she's been stored away in a plastic bin in the garage, she's still playing her lute. I've never peeked at her in the summer before, but here she is, head still cocked to her left, as if she's listening to an inner melody she's birthing into the world.

Her face and posture communicate the relaxed attention some call "being in the zone." With a bow to Bob Dylan, *She's got everything she needs. She's an artist; she don't look back.* But if you look deeply enough into her creative peace, you'll smell the fragrant evergreen, maybe even the crisp, unmistakable scent of snow.

Last month I was one of thousands of fans gathered at Tanglewood for the Joan Baez/Mary Chapin Carpenter/Indigo Girls concert. At one point, Mary C-C mentioned Joan's age, seventy five, a great segue into a delightful story about Joan visiting Mary's high school, back in the day.

Mary was in a practice room, playing the piano. The even-then-legendary superstar sat down on the piano bench next to the shy teenager and sang harmony to the song the girl was playing and singing. The story concluded, of course, "And I've been a sixteen-year-old fan-girl ever since!"

Awareness of Joan's age was a perfect container to set up, and hold, the last song of the evening, and of this Four Voices tour. It came at the end of the second encore, this one hers alone.

The still-rich, compelling voice began, *Swing low, sweet chariot…* and scooped us up. We rode through the wide range of sound and feeling with her, suspended in an expanded now, outside of time, until she ended with a reality check:

Mary Kate Jordan

comin' for to carry me… she pointed to her own chest… And you… she pointed at us… And all of us… even Donald… home.

Extending that moment, that suspension of disbelief, she continued to look out at us with her steadfast, uncompromising gaze. Then she bowed, to thunderous applause. Applause for her voice, for her performance, for her insistence we attend to what Abraham Lincoln said, in his own tumultuous times: *We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.*

It's been said that we all host angels, unaware of the real nature of our guests. Thanks, Joan, for hosting us that night, and letting us host you. I look forward to your new album, the one you promise will be out next spring.

—Mary Kate Jordan

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Adult Book Group
Summer Reading List

While the days are longer and more leisurely, it's a great time to lose yourself in a good book. Below are the titles that the book group will be discussing for the next few months. We would love to have you join us.

We select books available through the public library, and discussions are held in the Monterey Public Library's Knox room, usually on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., but check the library calendar to be sure.

Happy reading.

—The Monterey book group

July 24: *Me Before You*, by John Moyes.
August 28: *Nothing to Envy*, by Barbara Demick.
September 25: *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*, a play by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E Lee.

Siberian iris, by Bonsai Cox

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Monterey Water Company
Happy Centennial

Here's another look back at the fledging of the Monterey Water Company, previously known as the Neighborhood Club. It wasn't until July 2, 1917 that the first official meeting of the Monterey Water Company was held.

From the minutes book of the Neighborhood Club, comes the notes from the November 31, 1915 meeting. (Perhaps there were thirty-one days in November back then?)

"The Director's called a meeting at Mr. Bill's house to settle the matter taking on W. S. Bidwell and others and fixing rates.

"People are to pay ($1) one dollar per month except boarding houses, and during the four summer months they are to pay ($2) two dollars per month.

"Also at this meeting, the matter was taken up of John Burke's pipe as to which place to lay it, either straight up the road or through W. S. Bidwell's premises. This was left with the directors. Meeting adjourned."

In addition, there is this undated entry: A banquet was held at Mr. Crosby's for the benefit of the Neighborhood Club on Thursday evening Jan. 13, 1916 and a very pleasant time was appreciated by all.

Note: The Bidwell property is now the Monterey Community Center. Next month we will see that the company's lawyer never filed the incorporation papers. —Steve Pullen

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF THE

INCORPORATORS OF THE MONTEREY WATER CO.

To Clarence Kinne:

You are hereby notified that the first meeting of the incorporators of the Monterey Water Co. will be held at the home of Joshua H Bills in Monterey, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on Monday the second day of July, 1917, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of organizing said corporation under Chapter 267 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1917, by the adoption of by laws, the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Joshua H Bills
Dale Tryon
L. E. Tryon
C. W. Tryon
Clarence Kinne
Julius L. Boyer

A majority of the incorporators of the Monterey Water Co.

Monterey, Mass.,
June 27, 1917.

Cut out the listing below for reference during the summer.

I have hung a cow bell on both of my clothes lines. If the bear tugs at my clothes, I will come a-running and yell at the cub. Moving in and living where they do, we just have to learn to get along. —Julie Johnston, Cronk Road

The Monterey Parks Commission presents

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT-GREENE PARK

• *Saturday, August 5th* • *Showtime: 8:30 p.m.*

Movie selection to be announced.
Watch for posters and announcements from the town.

FREE- Admission, popcorn, candy, soda, water, and FUN for the whole family!
It's a Monterey summer tradition!

Monterey Library
Children's Summer Programs

All programs begin Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

July 1: Jim Snack-Magician—jimsnack.com/readingismagic.htm

July 8: Kevin Kopchynski—"Stories of the Night Sky"

July 15: Jonathan Keezing—Puppet show, "Timeless Tales." See CaravanPuppets.com.

July 22: Davis Bates—Singing and storytelling, "Under One Sky." See DavisBates.com.

July 29: Book Sale—Children's books available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August 5: Tom Sieling—Singing "Take a Tromp Through the Swamp", search "Singer Tom Seiling" on YouTube.com.

August 12: Jeff Boyer—The Bubble Man, "Bubble Trouble." See JeffBoyer.com.

Programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Monterey Library, and in part by a grant from the Monterey Cultural Council.

Devorah Sawyer

Maureen Banner

It was an on-again, off-again rainy day on May 31, but was nonetheless Memorial Day. Many folks still gathered, some under umbrellas, at the Veterans Memorial on the corner of Main Road and Blue Hill Road to honor Monterey's veterans. The one o'clock parade through the village had to be cancelled. But nobody told the hotdogs in the firehouse pavilion not to show up, so they were there in stupendous quantity, along with members of the Mount Everett High School marching band (see photo on page 26). Many dozen people wandered through the pavilion helping out with the situation of too many hot dogs and so many friends. —Stephen Moore

Ring the Bell

The Church Bell Rings Again

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.
—from "Anthem," by Leonard Cohen

Cohen's own comment about these lyrics:

"The future is no excuse for an abdication of your own personal responsibilities towards yourself and your job and your love. "Ring the bells that still can ring": they're few and far between but you can find them.

"This situation does not admit of solution or perfection. This is not the place where you make things perfect, neither in your marriage, nor in your work, nor anything, nor your love of God, nor your love of family or country. The thing is imperfect.

"And worse, there is a crack in everything that you can put together: Physical objects, mental objects, constructions of any kind. But that's where the light gets in, and that's where the resurrection is and that's where the return, that's where the repentance is. It is with the confrontation, with the brokenness of things."

A couple of months ago at 10 a.m. I was pulling the bell rope to start the church service as has been done for about 175 years on Sunday mornings. The whole rope came tumbling down silencing the bell for weeks. Folks have missed that gentle reminder that some things in our village haven't changed over the years. The congregation still gathers in the old meeting house.

Something else in Monterey that hasn't changed is someone stepping up to fix a problem. Mark Amstead, Randy Strickland, and Mitchell Amstead climbed up into the steeple, among the bats, to attach a new rope. Using a plumb line, they fished through the hidden spaces and false walls in place all these years so they could then attach the new rope and thread it back up.

Thanks, guys, for keeping this piece of history going.

—Steve Pullen

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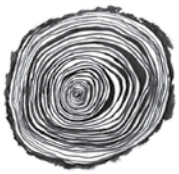

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An American Army of Two

(Sung to the tune of Yankee Doodle)
by Diane Taraz and Jim Gleason

Come all you fine New England folks who by the sea do dwell
and give a cheer for two brave girls who served their country well
their father kept the harbor light to warn the ships at sea
and guide them safe past Cedar point to Scituate town so free.

chorus: Becky fifed the tune so bright and Abby was the drummer
They played "The Air From Who Knows Where" one day in early summer.

'Twas in the war of 1812 when we were pressed full sore
the British blocked our ports from trade and our supplies were poor
we never knew when ships might come to attack and burn our homes
and the homeguard men were thin and lean, reduced to skin and bones.

One day while Mr. Bates was gone his daughters climbed the tower
to polish up the lighthouse lamps so they could shine full power
but then they saw the Union Jack come a-flyin'cross the main
no time to warn poor Scituate town defense would be in vain.

They quickly grabbed their fife and drum and ran behind the dunes
no one could see them hiding there as they struck up a tune
they could have hidden quietly to escape the English guns
but those Yankee girls played a Yankee tune as loud as could be done.

The lobsterbacks had launched their boats to send their men ashore
but on the breeze they heard a tune that they had heard before
it was that tune the Yankees played as they would march along
there must be troops behind the dunes a-singing of that song.

So then the Redcoats tucked their tails between their legs and ran
they sailed away and disappeared before a fight began
and to this day we shout hooray for those girls so brave and true
Abigail and Rebecca Bates, an American army of two.

chorus2: Becky fifed the tune so bright and Abby was the drummer
They drove the Redcoats out of sight one day in early summer.

Tristian Goik sketched Diane Taraz in May as she sang her song, "An American Army of Two" at the Bidwell House Museum opening. Her song recounts a true event during the War of 1812.

My Dad

My dad, Larry Silk, died Sunday morning, May 31, at the age of 86.

I remember everything about him. His warmth, his dumb dad games ("this foot is mad at this foot"), his silly catchphrases, casual style, utter lack of pretension, love of PB&Js and the *New York Times*, and his enormous appetite—somehow every meal was "the best he'd ever had." He enthusiastically got me into the Mets when I was seven. He gamely took me and two friends to see Mötley Crüe when I was ten. He came to see my bands a lot over the years, and when I played him the *Charlie Limousine* album in his hospital bed, he listened to the whole thing with a smile on his face, crying at one point. (Anyone who knows my dad knows he could never pretend to like something he didn't. The man didn't have a phony bone in his body.)

In his later years, he was obsessed with his wood stove. The one time I smoked pot with him, fifteen years ago, I couldn't tell whether he felt it until he hung around my bedroom for twenty minutes discussing the finer points of manning a successful fire.

It must be said that he was deeply, gobsmackingly in love with my mom. When they met, he was forty-two, lonely, and convinced he'd end up a bachelor, never dreaming he'd one day have a son (or a Manhattan private school tuition). In his final days, he never tired of expressing his love and appreciation for Betty Silk; he felt he'd won the lottery. I have to agree. But then again, so did she.

His memory had been leaking away for years, and he'd forgotten many things, some wonderful, some prosaic. So I was delighted that the night before he died, he remembered the words and melody to a Yiddish lullaby he sang to me every night of my childhood. Singing it together in his hospital room was a memory I'll hold onto for the both of us.

—Dan Silk

Note: Larry Silk has three photographs entered in the show, A Child's World*, on exhibit now through July 23 at the New Marlborough Village Associations Meeting House Gallery. For more information, go to NewMarlborough.org.*

My Friend and Teacher

I was behind the bar at the Old Inn on the Green, summer of '01, when this tall, gangly, unmistakably bald fellow stalked through on his way to an outside table. "That's my old teacher!" I sent drinks to their party, and soon enough, he came back in to acknowledge the round. There was a moment of reckoning, him looking at me, going over the rolodex in his mind, then, "You were in my last class!"

The Berkshires, and the wider world of cinema, lost a leading light with the passing of Larry Silk on May 21. I first met Larry in the late 70s, when I was at NYU film school, and took his course in documentary editing. A gentle, unassuming man, you wouldn't otherwise know of his singular talent unless you saw the films, which he screened for us without fanfare. In particular, I remember *Marjoe*, and *Pumping Iron* (which put Arnold Schwarzenegger on the road to stardom)—two extraordinary examples of the genre, which he spoke about only in terms of "working the material."

In all, Larry cut three pictures which won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature—a category in which only the producer is recognized. Ask anyone savvy with the business, however, and you'll be assured that multiple Oscars at the hand of the same editor ain't no coincidence.

His status in the film world was acknowledged and assured when, in 2013, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from his peers, the American Cinema Editors Guild.

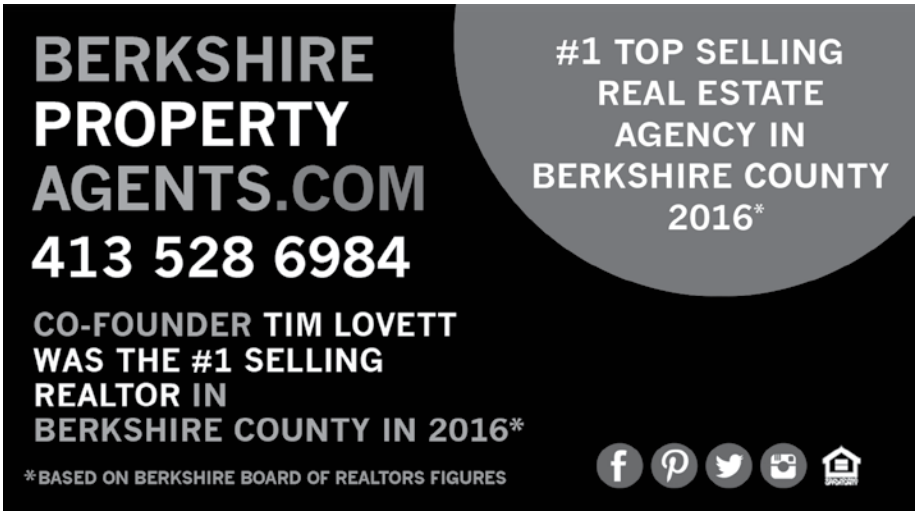
After reconnecting at the inn, Larry and I met for a wonderful lunch at the Monterey General store, and learned that he'd been at least a part-time Monterey resident since the late 60s, first on Lake Garfield, then down the road from Gould Farm. In short order, I got to know his beautiful wife, Betty, and they both hit it off with my wife, Claudia, and our dinners and brunches and cocktail hours became a regular, cherished feature of life. And when their son, Daniel, joined the party from the west coast, we'd toast the evenings away over martinis, movies, and the Mets. Oscar night, often at the Old Inn, was a sacred ritual.

In his obituary for *The Hollywood Reporter*, Larry was quoted about the art of his craft:

"Every cut is a disturbance of reality, so the trick is to cut artfully so the cut gives you more than the disturbance it creates."

My old teacher would likely blush at this, but his loss is a disturbance of reality which belies those words.

—David Crane



Remembrance
Larry Silk

Lawrence Silk, 86, died on May 21 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. Known to family and friends as Larry, he was born in Detroit, Michigan to Herbert and Gertrude Silk, who, at the height of the Great Depression, moved the family to Washington Heights in Manhattan when Larry was five.

School never agreed with him, but at the age of nine, his life changed when he saw Pare Lorentz's government-sponsored documentary films *The River* and *The City*. His classmates were bored. Larry was riveted. The filmmaking, particularly its rhythm, entranced him, and the experience sparked a lifelong curiosity about America, its beauty, its struggles, and its people. At eighteen, after graduating from Taft High School in the Bronx, Larry spent a formative month hitchhiking across the country. Soon after, he enrolled in a City College film editing class taught by Carl Lerner. At twenty-three, he worked as an assistant editor for the editor and cameraman Ricky Leacock. This proved to be his entrée into the New York documentary film community he'd be a part of for some fifty years. Three films Larry edited, *Marjoe* (1972), *American Dream* (1990) and *One Survivor Remembers* (1995), won documentary Oscars. But he was perhaps just as well known for *Johnny Cash! The Man, His World, His Music*(1969), *Pumping Iron* (1977) and *Wild Man Blues* (1997), each of which left its own lasting cultural imprint. Larry worked with two-time Oscar winner Barbara Kopple on four films and himself became a voting member of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2002. The American Cinema Editors (ACE) gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013.

Larry's loves included photography, sailing on Lake Garfield from his cabin in Monterey, Mass., his years teaching at New York University in the 70s, and reading the *New York Times*. To his dying day, he was head-over-heels in love with his wife Betty, whom he met walking dogs in the Museum of Natural History park in 1972; since 2011 they've lived full-time in Monterey. Larry is survived by Betty; his son, Daniel; and his older brother Bob.

Bidwell House Museum
Township No. 1 Day

On July 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Bidwell House Museum invites you to Township No.1 Day, a free community celebration of Monterey and Tyringham History. The event is named for the earliest official designation for the settlement—it was called "Township No. 1 at Hoosatonnuck" in 1737. The name was officially changed to Tyringham at the town's incorporation in 1762, and it included the area of both present-day Tyringham and Monterey until they split in 1847.

There are fun events planned for the whole afternoon including:

- The Adams Brothers start the afternoon with a mix of roots, country soul, and folk rock. Moonshine Holler will take the stage next and play old time ballads, blues and breakdowns on more musical instruments than they can juggle.
- Butler's Rangers re-enactors who will do a talk and cooking demonstration and show how they spent their days during the American Revolution.
- Kids crafts, games and face painting.
- Craft demonstrations that include spinning with the Berkshire Hills and Dales Spinning Guild, Alix vonAuenmueller on a pottery wheel, and blacksmithing by Del Martin, Knox Trail Forge.
- Enjoy a garden tour with Ruth Green, Bidwell's head gardener.
- Take a guided hike with DCR Service Forester Tom Ryan.
- Sausages from the grill, SoCo Creamery ice cream, beer, old-time soft drinks, along with free lemonade, popcorn, and watermelon.
- Local fire trucks and more.

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The Bidwell House Museum is located at 100 Art School Road in Monterey. For more information call 528-6888, or go to BidwellHouseMuseum.org.

Please note the museum is closed for tours that day.

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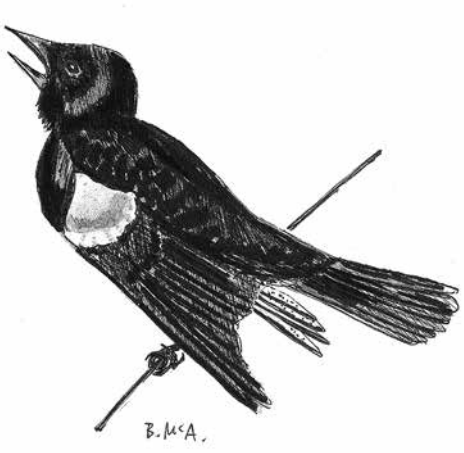
What's Wrong? Where are the Blackbirds?

One year we didn't see a single blue jay around here. They'd been reliable, the "Brigadier throughout the Year," of Dickenson's fine poem. Still, some generation back there was a bird fanciers' social ill-regard for blue jays, even though they are the animate bearers of the most glorious blue on the planet. Because they are large, numerous, noisy, and sometimes eat eggs, they'd been cast as villains, just as people will describe the four-legged carnivores as vicious. Then when they vanish one day, we worry, and not just about them.

We think, this is bad. Something has happened to my neighbor, my neighborhood, to me. One of our friends called to say he was missing some of his familiars this spring, for the first time. What did I know about the health and well-being, around here and generally, of the red-winged blackbird?

The males had come to our feeder, appearing in early March. They were back, so all was right with that aspect of things. We stop putting seeds out at some intuited moment when we think the birds could be foraging locally for their more varied and seasonal fare. No doubt this is better for them and their families, we say, than what we bring home in bags from the store, grown by machines in an unknown field far from here. To check on the blackbirds, I went to the swamp, here on the wild end of Lake Garfield.

Before long I heard an urgent "chit, chit" and there he was, about thirty feet off, sitting on one of Dad Keyes' old stumps. George Keyes, and before him his father Stephen, were my great- and great-great-grandfolks here. They kept Holstein milk cows on this place. The steep hill farm was clear right down to the lake, which was smaller back then before it was dammed up to make more lakeshore real estate for the post-agricultural market.



Our end of the current lake is shallow. Back in the day it was cow pasture and my Keyes granddads grazed their cows down there. The cows came up to the barn for milking right behind the house on Main Road, on Keyes Corner across from where Chestnut Hill Road comes down.

Things have changed. The Keyeses would look around the farm now and say where's the barn? The springhouse? The carriage shed? I say these things myself sometimes, driving by Keyes Corner on my way downtown.

This time, down the hill, I was saying where's the blackbird? And there he was, perched on the low island of an old stump in shallow water. He stayed a long time, not only saying "chit," but also holding some white morsel in his beak.

He moved to a different stump for another ten minutes, and late afternoon sun put the gleam on him. He is 'black from head to tail and bill to nail (except forewing) with a slight greenish gloss. The lesser wing coverts are red varying from scarlet vermillion to deep orange, the middle wing coverts forming a buffy or buffy-whitish border to the red "epaulets" (described by Forbush, *Birds of Massachusetts*, 1926.). His epaulets were on display, but only casually. Suddenly he lifted off to the top of a tall white pine, one that was scruffy but loaded with cones. Here the bird sat, lit up as before by the western sun from way down the lake.

He was doing something up there, messing with the thing in his mouth. Was there a nest, up so high? Unlikely. I melted back into the alders, working a bit closer to that tree, binoculars up. I hid behind the shrubbery, my personal bird blind, and held still. Then he flew, back down low and into the cattails to another ancestral stump, this one with blueberries and shrubby cinquefoil making it a bush island. Here was the nest, and he finally delivered his white morsel. I couldn't see this clearly, but I know it is what he does. He flew out again and lit, this time giving full voice to his "konk-a-ree," as some folks write it.

I was able to report back to our friend that although his local world feels shaken, maybe even unsafe due to that empty place in his swamp, all's well over here on our old stump, and I hope his blackbirds will be back. Our blue jays came the next year in spades, thank goodness. All may not be right with the world, but we are okay in terms of blue jays and blackbirds, at our place. For now.

—Bonner McAllester

Bidwell House Museum
July History Talks

The Bidwell House Museum is sponsoring three history talks during July.

Saturday, July 1: Join us at the Tyringham Union Church for our first history talk of the season. Gary Leveille, Berkshires historian and author, will present Massachusetts–*New York Border Wars in the 1700s*. He explains how for decades—starting in the early 1700s—the elusive border between what is now eastern Columbia County, NY and western Berkshire County, MA was hotly disputed. Dutch and English settlers on both sides of the line found themselves immersed in a political and economic struggle between the colonies of New York and Massachusetts. In his presentation, Leveille explores this feud, beginning with the puzzling land acquisitions from Mohican Native Americans known as Spoor's Grant and the Shawenon Purchase. The border dispute worsened as tenant farmers living in New York's feudal-like system were encouraged by Massachusetts neighbors to declare allegiance with Massachusetts and become free land owners instead of just renters of their property.

Saturday, July 15: Rene Wendell will give a talk titled *Native Americans in South County* at the Tyringham Union Church. He will discuss prehistoric evidence of Native American life and the first contacts of white settlers with the Mohican tribe in South County. He will also bring native artifacts from his personal collection. Rene spent thirteen years working for the Trustees of Reservations at Bartholomew's Cobble, leading many public nature-based outdoor programs and adventures. He is currently the land steward for the Nature Conservancy in Great Barrington. Attendees are welcome to bring their own arrowheads or artifacts for Rene to examine.

Saturday, July 29: John Demos will give our third history talk of the season at the Tyringham Union Church titled *Travels with Satan: My Fifty Years as a Witchcraft Historian*. In the course of his research Professor Demos learned of his own ancestral connection to a key figure in the Salem witch-hunt of 1692–93. John Putnam, his tenth generation grandfather, and a longtime Salem resident in the seventeenth century, had led the charge against the suspected "witches" in that notorious case. John Demos is the Samuel Knight Professor of American History Emeritus at Yale University and award-winning author. His book *Entertaining Satan: Witchcraft and the Culture of Early New England* (1982) won the Bancroft Prize. He published *The Enemy Within: A Short History of Witch-Hunting* in 2008.

The history talks begin at 10 a.m. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. The Tyringham Union Church is located on the south side of Main Road in the village of Tyringham.

—Heather Kowalski
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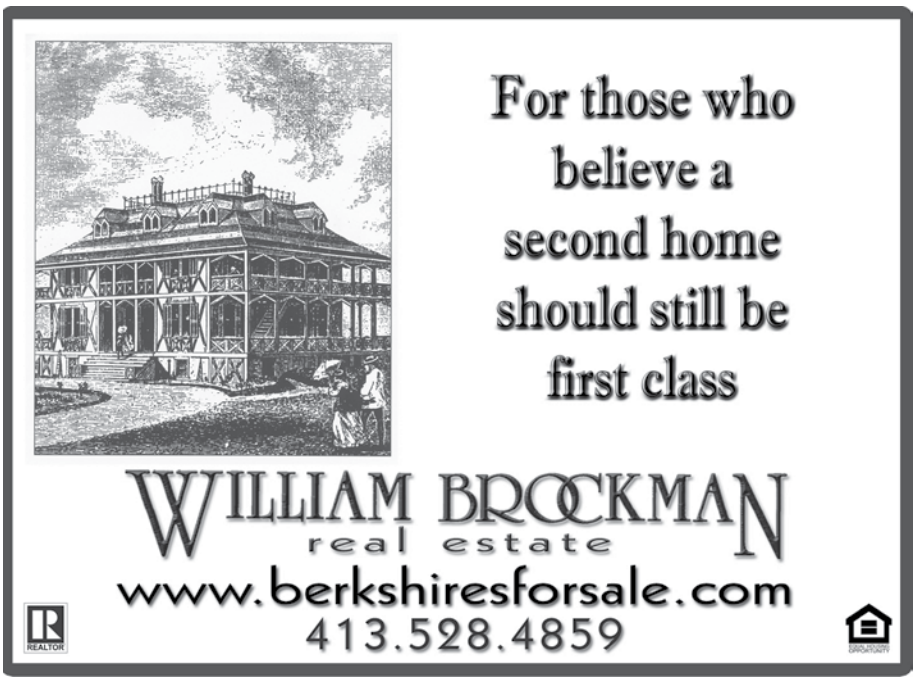

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Fiber Connect Broadband
First Customers Lit Up

FiberConnect

Fiber Connect LLC, the company whose trucks have been seen all over town, is making real progress towards delivering a state-of-the-art "Fiber-To-The-Home" network to Monterey.

Adam Chait, CEO, stated that they are happy to report that the first customers were "lit up" over the past couple of weeks and other neighborhoods will see that happen on a continuing basis. "We want people to understand that we started from nothing and are building a complete, multi-mile fiber infrastructure."

Chait explained that typically companies employ a multi-step process which requires each step to be completed in a sequential manner. That process can take eighteen to thirty-six months to complete. "Fiber Connect is constructing this infrastructure in a more efficient parallel manner which means that we are managing several steps at the same time." He added that this is why premise equipment is being installed even before distribution cable is on the poles. "We are scheduling premise equipment at the owner's convenience as soon as possible so when the core system is completed, we are not then trying to get hundreds of premises scheduled for installation," he noted.

The end result of this build-out will be an internet experience that far surpasses anything available in the Berkshires. Fiber Connect is allowing more than sufficient bandwidth to offer the customer access to top quality streaming content from a wide range of providers such as Netflix, Hulu, Apple, Amazon, and many others. A full-featured digital phone service is also available, and you can even keep your existing phone number.

Chait explained that the need to move forward came as a result of an aging internet infrastructure that has been in place for decades with minimal support and future growth capacity.

Chait, who has decades of experience in Technology Services, has lived the past twenty years on Lake Garfield, and is excited about being able to bring this service into his hometown and surrounding areas in the Berkshires. "Fiber Connect is a local company, meeting the local demand, supporting our local economy, in order to help support the future of the Berkshires."

"We extend a special thanks to our friends at the Monterey Technical Committee and MLP (Municipal Light and Power board) for their support and the time they spent to help us make this happen," said Chait.

To date, Fiber Connect has run 90% of the core fiber for the first construction phase. Additionally, in parallel, they have been installing premise equipment and running fiber drop cable throughout town. The first few "test" premises have been lit and in the coming months they will be bringing the majority of subscribers online in groups.

If you have not yet signed up, they ask that you email them at info@bfcma.com, call (413) 429-4109, or find them on the web at www.bfcma.com.

Note: Fiber Connect was asked to provide an update to their efforts to install a broadband network in Monterey. While they are a private company, this press release is significant news for the town in light of the years spent trying to develop a solution for broadband access.

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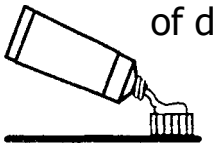

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Northern Saw Whet Owls

The northern saw whet owl is sometimes known as the "Tom Thumb" of the owl realm because it is tame enough to be picked up in one hand, and is not much bigger than your thumb in a heavy glove, which should be worn for protection for your hand. About the size of a robin, it is by far the smallest of the largely nocturnal raptors in New England. The pygmy owl in the west is even smaller, at about the size of a bluebird, and way down south there is an owlet even smaller than that, about the size of a sparrow. If you see a saw whet, it might seem cute and friendly enough to be carried around on your shoulder like tiny Tim in *The Christmas Carol*, but this is not recommended for the average bird watching experience.

The heart-shaped face serves them well to reflect the slightest sound into their large (for such a small bird), asymmetrically located ear holes, permitting them to pinpoint the squeak or rustle of their prey. The soft perforated edges of their wing feathers insures an unexpected, silent attack before the quarry even knows it is being hunted. They largely hunt small mammals like voles, shrews, and meadow mice, but will also take bats, small birds, amphibians, and even insects.

As with many other owls, their wide eyes give them the expression of complete surprise and wonder when approached by a human. But, of course, they would have heard a human approach long before the human was aware of the owl. Their hearing is so acute they can hunt in complete darkness by sound alone. The yellow color that frames their pupils indicates they are capable of daytime hunting. However, their large dark pupils signify a preference for hunting and flight during dusk and dawn hours.

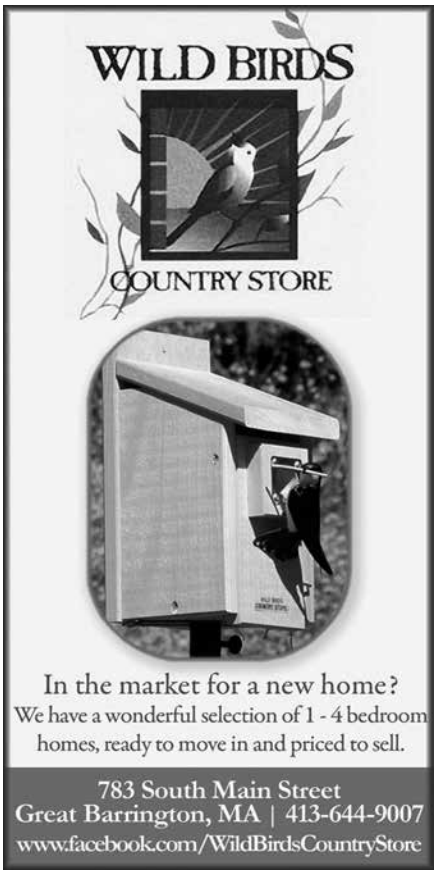
To earn the esteemed reputation as a wise old owl, they are devoted family members and may live as long as fifteen years, though they have a high mortality rate in the wild. A mated pair may remain together even during the non-breeding season. The female is bigger than the male, as is often the case in birds, but both are model parents, and share the responsibility of feeding and raising young for an extended period of time after fledgling. The young are taught to hunt by example. The adults may start them off by showing them how to save and set aside excess food in a convenient setting, just as we save money for a rainy day.

Like the somewhat larger screech owls, they often may be seen together as a small family, as in my drawing in a group garden setting. With artistic license, I have added a tree saw, as they got their name from a shrill *che-witt* rasping call repeated many times a second. It sounds like the repeated strokes of sharpening the teeth of a metal saw blade with a hand-held file or stone.

However, to me, their most remarkable trait is no apparent fear of people. This might come about from their secluded existence in thick, remote, shadowy conifer settings, and thus not having developed a conditioned reflex to human molestation. I relate this behavior as a consequence of habitat to the similar characteristics of the spruce grouse of Maine, which, also, being so tame and inexperienced with human interactions, that, like the isolated heath hen of Martha's Vineyard, they were nicknamed as fool hens by indigenous people.

The best time to spot a saw whet is at dusk during the mystical mood and shadowy realm of passage from diurnal to nocturnal. Keep your eyes peeled for a tiny feathered silhouette perched on a fence railing or low hanging branch of a fir tree. If, while minding its own business, its blank staring expression looks as surprised as you, I ask you to remember the saw whet owl as a low profile species with a preference to be remote and private, and let the extent of your appreciation be the spotting and the experience of reading about it.

—George B. Emmons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Police Report
Mid-May to Mid-June

Missing Water Craft

In late May, the police department had a call about a possibly stolen boat. Read Jon Melzer's account on page 23.

Also in late May, a person from Beartown Mountain Road reported a stolen Sunburst kayak (red/orange) that was taken earlier that month. No mention was made as to whether it was recovered yet.

Cooking Misadventures

Cooking misadventures (burnt food) were reported on Mount Hunger Road and Deerwood Park Drive, causing the Monterey Fire Department to scramble in response to fire alarms. There is no mention of who ate what in the aftermath.

Out-of-Season Fires

A report of heavy smoke in the area of Pixley Road and West Road where the officer observed a homeowner burning brush. Since it is after burning season, the fire department extinguished the fire.

An officer also responded to a reported structure fire on New Marlboro Road. The officer discovered that it was a bonfire (the root of this word is "good fire," but bad timing made this a "bad fire"). The party was advised to talk with the fire chief, since it was not burning season.

There was one other response to a false fire alarm.

Downed Power Lines

There were many reports of trees down across power lines, or blocking roads. One, in late May, was on Pixley Road. On June 19, there were calls from Beartown Mountain Road, Hupi Road, Tyringham Road, and Main Road. In two instances the officers, equipped with saws (who knew the police carry them?), helped to remove small trees. National Grid was called upon to fix power lines. (I guess the officers don't carry linemen's tools.)

An officer was also called to Lakeside Terrace with a report of a power outage. The officer observed that a fuse was blown (presumably on a pole) and called National Grid. Then the source of the problem was observed in the form of a squirrel who was laying on the ground, breathing, but had probably been the cause of the electrical short. After recovering some from the (literal) shock, the squirrel crawled away to an uncertain future.

Vehicle Issues

There was a report of a "suspicious" vehicle. The owner was located the next morning. Another person was locked out of their vehicle and an officer was able to gain entry. (More tool kit items.)

Monterey PD also responded to a request for support from the Great Barrington PD. There were two motor vehicle accidents on Route 7 by the high school, and the Monterey officer took a report for one of the accidents.

Canines All Over

The big news, or at least the most mobile of the reports, has to do with dogs. Loose dog on Main Road, a lost beagle that was not found, a loose dog on Pixley Road that the officer recognized and returned to the owner, a loose dog reported one evening which an officer picked up and took to the Chief's house for an overnight stay, a dog reported missing the next morning that matched the Chief's guest (and so dog and owners were reunited), and a dog reported missing on Hupi Road that matched up with a report of a dog found, and the two parties put in touch to effect the return of the pooch, without having a sleepover at the Chief's house.

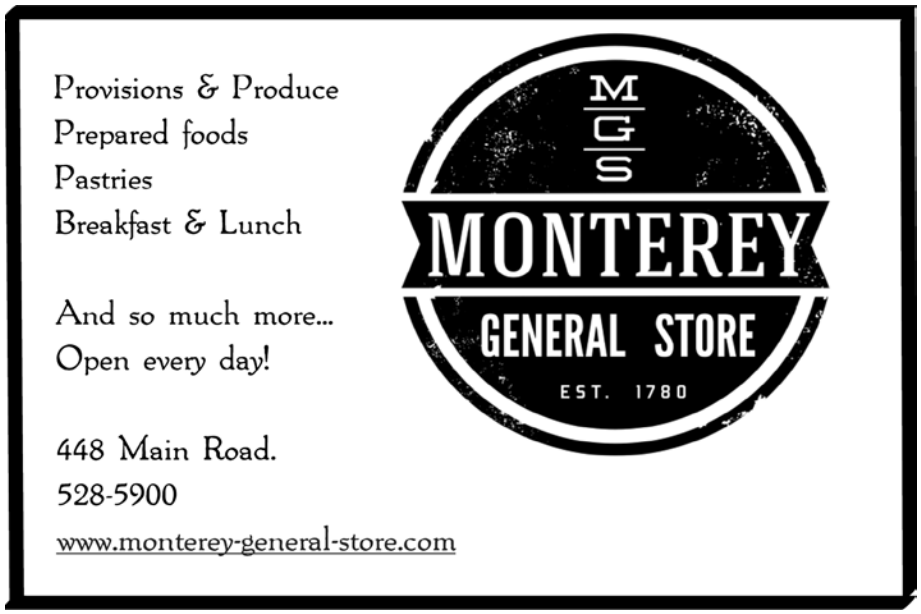
The police would like to remind people to put tags on their dogs, and, if their dogs go missing, to report it promptly. Not only might the Chief reasonably start to charge for overnight kibble, but as of July 1, the town clerk might make it expensive. (See page 23.)

On a positive note, it should be mentioned that the cows seem to have behaved much better this month than in the previous few months.

Well-Being Checks

There were three reported checks on the well-being of individuals during this period. One involved phone troubles and the individual promised to call his brother back, one was someone who had moved to Lee, and the third was someone who had gone to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington.

Call 528-3211 to reach the police department for non-emergencies.



P.O. Box 9
Way to Go Chief Backhaus

I want to give a shout-out to Chief Backhaus for the extraordinary police work he recently did for me.

I live on Bidwell Road, on Lake Garfield. For years I have had my boat serviced and stored by a boat dealer in Pittsfield. Over the years their service has declined and their price for boat storage escalated to the point of absurdity. I began looking for a new place to store my boat for the winter. The Pittsfield boat dealer employed a mechanic who had serviced my boat for many years. He left their employ to start his own marina. Since I knew this individual and wanted to be supportive of his entrepreneurial endeavors, he seemed to be a good alternative for my service and winter storage needs. I let him take my boat away for the winter.

Fast forward to this May when I reached out to this individual to retrieve my boat for the upcoming summer season. I was unable to connect with him on his cellphone, and when I texted him I heard back from another person who had just obtained this phone number. I was without my boat, I could not connect with the person who had it, and this person had changed his cell number. Not a good fact set. So, I called the Monterey police to report my boat missing or stolen.

Chief Backhaus immediately took charge. With the information I provided, he worked with the Pittsfield police to try and find the whereabouts of this individual.

They were able to ascertain that he had moved down to Key West, Florida. The Chief then proceeded to track him down. I believe he interfaced with the Key West police and called all the marinas in that area until he located him. Chief Backhaus was able to speak directly with this individual, and notified him that there would be a warrant for his arrest if he did not return my boat. This all took place within roughly twenty-four hours from when I made my initial call to the Monterey police.

I immediately got a call from the individual and arrangements were made to have my boat returned. A few days later my boat and trailer were dropped off in my driveway. The chief drove over and, in my absence, confirmed that it was indeed my boat.

I never thought I would see my boat again. Chief Backhaus tracked it down in a day. Thank you Chief for excellent detective work!

—Jon Melzer
Bidwell Road

From the Town Clerk
Reminder to Dog Owners

Dog licenses were due March 3. As of late June, 162 dogs have not been licensed.

Beginning July 1, a fine will be charged in addition to your license fee.

—Terry Walker

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Bears, Bobcats, Bluebirds... and Lots More

Late in May, Dale Duryea of Bracken Brae Farm got in touch to say the deer are giving birth and people should know not to move any little fawn they may come upon. When a fawn is new, the mother leaves it lying quietly while she goes off to browse nearby. People often mistake such a fawn as being abandoned, and meaning well, they may pick it up in a rescue attempt. We are reminded to leave the little fawn right where it is and to walk away.

Also in late May, Elizabeth Maschmeyer wrote about two bear cubs, a "big, burly" one at West Center in Otis, and another that was a second year cub, on Tyringham Road in Tyringham. Elizabeth also saw two bobcats, a small one in a New Marlborough back yard, and a big healthy adult crossing Route 23 near Curtis Road by the Flats. This wildcat crossed the highway at an "amble" so that Elizabeth had to stop the car. She watched it "hop off into the swamp around the Konkapot."

At the end of the month, Robin Weiser and Peter Bodnar saw a handsome red-tailed hawk (above) perched on a sign along Route 23 as they were driving to Great Barrington. They stopped and got a fine photograph.

In early June, I was headed home on the Tyringham Road and saw two little black Scotties run across the road. Of course they were bear cubs, and I stopped in case there were more of them, or a mother still to come. Looking for the cubs, I saw on their side of the road a big adult bear. She stood still and looked around, maybe at my car, I thought. Turns out, she was sticking close by her two babies, who had scrambled way up a big oak tree, not far from the side of the road. I cruised away, hoping they could come back down with the same alacrity with which they had gone up. Later in the day I went back to check: no sign of anybody. We had a bear up a big oak right near the house recently, too, with a wonderful brown muzzle. This was no baby, and once we called off the dog, it scrambled down and away.

Early in June, Liz Sanchez and Rosanna Murray of Griswold Road arrived home to see a little bear cub climbing a tree at the end of their driveway. It came back down and went off into the woods, looking fine. There was no sign of an adult. Liz has twice seen a "very skinny" fox along her road, also a solitary male turkey, three times.

We have a June bluebird story from New Marlborough Road. One Sunday morning the folks were on the porch and the male bluebird was perched nearby. He flew, and was immediately hit by a small hawk, either a Cooper's or a sharp-shinned, and carried away into the woods. Later that day, a small pile of downy breast feathers, we know not whose, appeared in the yard.

Saddened by the demise of, perhaps, both their resident bluebirds, the folks went to clean out the nestbox and found a broken egg with a yolk (so not near to its hatching time), on the ground right in front. In the box there were two nests, one built on top of the other. The top nest contained an unhatched bluebird egg, the lower one a large dead chick, home to many long, grey fly maggots. The people cleaned all this out, puzzling over the details. Then, on an unexpected and more upbeat note, and on the very same day, they saw an active pair of bluebirds mating. The next day, this pair (presumably) sat on the cleaned out nestbox and flew to and from it for two days, carrying nesting material.

A conversation with the director of the Lenox Audubon Sanctuaries confirmed that cowbirds have been known to leave an egg in a bluebird nest. Maybe this is what happened here, and that egg on the ground was pierced and tossed out by the bluebirds, who recognized it as not being one of theirs. They probably also built a second nest in the box over the large chick, which may have been that of a cowbird. We don't know how or when that youngster died. The bluebirds then laid an egg in the upper nest. Then Sunday's drama occurred, some male bluebird was carried off by a lucky hawk, maybe to feed youngsters nearby. The box was cleaned out, and a new story begun, featuring some pair of bluebirds.

Speaking of the next generation of birds, the bald eagles on Lake Buel are doing well. Early in June the Monterey News Board of Directors plus Don Pierce went for a leisurely boat ride after the board meeting, and saw the nesting eagles, thanks to local guides including board members, Kyle Pierce and Roz Halberstadter. We got to see at least one partly grown-up youngster in the nest, moving around a little, but the adults were away

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somewhere. Kyle and Don told us there were two youngsters, one larger and more active than the other. They had some concerns. A few days later, Kyle called to say Don had gotten some good movie footage of the youngsters, one seeming to be attacking the other. They called Massachusetts Wildlife in Dalton and Pittsfield and Don took the movie up to show them. The folks there did not think this was an attack, rather some rough play. They also told Kyle and Don that these young birds were banded recently and each weighed more than 11 pounds and were probably female.

Don and Kyle learned that young eagles from Lake Buel have shown up in Delaware, Upstate New York, and way down in North Carolina.

Kit Patten called with a concern about what he is not seeing or hearing this year near his house. The coyotes have not been howling, and the red-wing blackbirds have not come to nest near the pond in the field. I took a quick survey and learned some Monterey folks have been hearing coyotes. I also read that they get quiet when the pups are little and then we'll hear them start up as the family hunting and singing lessons begin. As for blackbirds, I went to check our swamp, and all's well there.

The Stucker Report

Here is the Stucker Report, from Tiegen and Maddox and their dad, Dominic.

Maddox and Tiegen Stucker enjoyed watching droves of maple seed helicopters spin to the ground at their home on Blue Hill Road. These were later collected in the ballooning cheeks of a local chipmunk. They also enjoyed seeing hummingbirds, and swallowtail and monarch butterflies flit between flowers. Larger winged creatures included red-bellied woodpeckers thonking on trees and two soaring eagles. The boys saw and avoided stepping on dozens of red-spotted newts on the woodland floor. They observed multiple turtles preparing to lay eggs along the fringes of a nearby wetland. A large snapper, more than a foot across, even visited their lawn one morning. Finally, they spotted many deer and turkeys along Blue Hill, Brett, Curtis, and Main Roads.

Thanks to Dianna Downing for reporting a newly emerged polyphemus moth (right) in mid-June and sending a photograph. These moths are big, more than four inches across.

Thanks for all your wild news and photos.

—Bonner McAllester,
528-9385, bonnermca@gmail.com

These moths, which are giant silk moths, are tan-colored, with an average wingspan of six inches. The most notable feature is its large, purplish eyespots on its two hind wings. They lay their eggs on the leaves of many common hardwood and fruit trees. —Wikipedia

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Select Board Corner

Welcome to the Select Board Corner. Our goal is to submit an article each month to the *Monterey News* to keep everyone up to date on important issues, office closings, highway projects, etc.

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Our town website is a great way to access information about the town.

Meetings and Events

Board of Health: Monday, July 10, at 4 p.m. Please call 528-1443 x111 to be placed on the agenda.
Chair Yoga at the Community Center: Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.
Conservation Commission: Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m.
Council on Aging at the Community Center: Mondays, July 10 and 24, at 10 a.m.
Visiting Nurse: Berkshire VNA will be at town hall on Thursday, July 13, from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.
Foot Nurse: Thursday, July 13, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at town hall. For an appointment, please call 528-1443 x247. All ages are welcome.
Parks Commission: Wednesday, July 5, at 6 p.m.
Planning Board: Thursdays, July 13 and 27, at 7 p.m. Please call Maggie Leonard at 528-9685 to be placed on the agenda.
Select Board: Wednesdays, July 5, 12, and 19, at 9 a.m., and July 26 at 3 p.m. Please call 528-1443 x111 to be placed on the agenda.
Annual Second Homeowners' Meeting: Saturday, August 12, at 10 a.m., at town hall.

Town Hall Closings

Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Individual office closings are posted on the town calendar and on the department's voicemail message.
We recommend always calling ahead.

Other News

Treasurer and Accountant

After two months of searching for local, qualified, municipally experienced treasurers and accountants, the select board has made a tough, "out of the box," decision to sign a one-year contract to hire a firm that specializes in municipal accounting and treasury work. This option will still provide town hall with the necessary support via phone, email, and in town hall on specified days. We did not make this decision lightly and we listened to everyone who had an opinion or creative solution for filling these positions. In the end it was the comment, "how many times are you going to trip before you learn to pick up your feet?" that made us approach this decision differently.

We are confident in our decision, and, considering the condition of the books, that this is the best option for the town right now. We ask that everyone keep an open mind and help keep the positive, drama-free vibe going that town hall has had for the last few months.

New Town Clerk Hours

We are pleased to announce that we have also completed our search for a local, qualified town clerk. We have appointed Terry Walker for one year. Her posted office hours will be Mondays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday), Thursdays 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m..

—Steve Weisz, Chair
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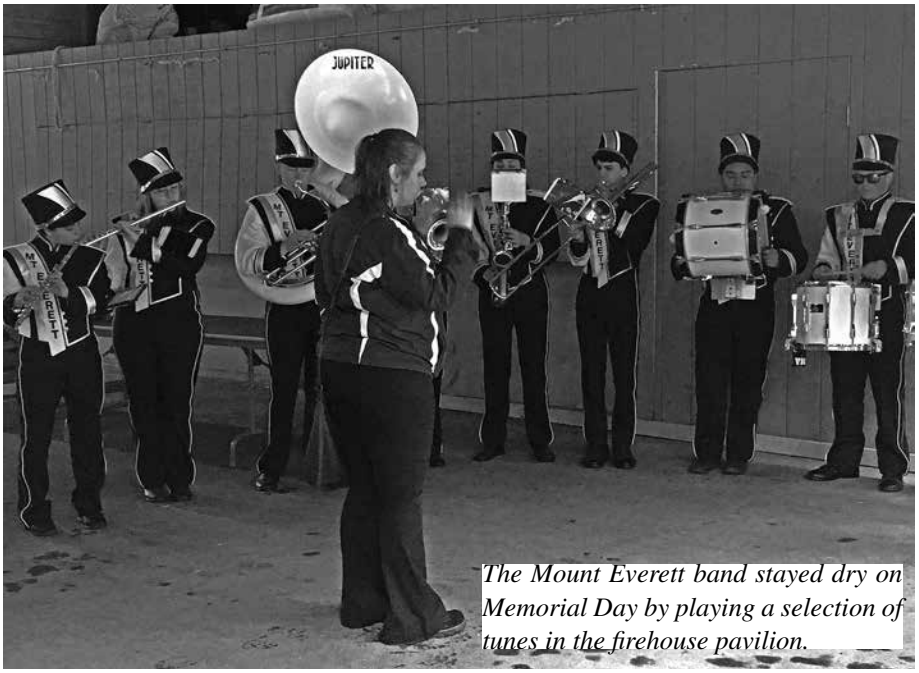

Maureen Banner

The Mount Everett band stayed dry on Memorial Day by playing a selection of tunes in the firehouse pavilion.

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Calendar

Every Sunday:
Adult Softball. Batting practice 10 a.m., games at 10:30. Greene Park.
Summer croquet, from noon on, at the community center. See page 13.
Every Monday: Kundalini yoga, with Susan Cain, 9 to 10:30 a.m. See page 8.
Every Tuesday: **Yoga July 4**
Chair Yoga with Connie Wilson, 9 to 10 a.m., community center. Free, sponsored by Monterey Parks Commission.
Cards and Games, 12:30 p.m., community center. Sponsored by the council on aging.
Farmers Market, 4 to 6 p.m., community center. See page 9.
Tuesdays, beginning July 11: Vikki True's Eclectichorus, 7 p.m., community center. See page 9.
Every Thursday: Women Talk, 1 p.m., community center. See page 9.
Through July 22, at Knox Gallery: *Nancy Johnson: Re-Psychled*.

Saturday, July 1:
Friends of Lake Garfield annual meeting, 9:30 a.m., at town beach. See page 11.
Bidwell History Talk: Gary Leveille, *Massachusetts-New York Border Wars in the 1700s*, Tyringham Union Church. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. 10 a.m. See page 19.
Library summer program: Jim Snack-Magician.10:30 a.m. See pages 6 & 13.

Saturday, July 8:
Fishing Derby, 9 to 10:30, at Berkshire National Fish Hatchery. Kids thirteen and under.
Library summer program: Kevin Kopchynski, "Stories of the Night Sky," 10:30 a.m. See pages 6 & 13.
Otis Country Fair- See page 11.
Bidwell House Museum, Township No. 1 Day, 1 to 4 p.m. See page 17.
Free concert, Shubert's *Water Music,* Meetinghouse church, 4 p.m. See page 7.
Monday, July 10: Lake Garfield Working Committee meeting, 7 p.m., town hall. See page 2.
Saturday, July 15:
Bidwell History Talk: Rene Wendell, *Native Americans in South County*, $10 for members, non-members $15. See page 19.
Library summer program: Jon Keezing, puppet show, "Timeless Tales," 10:30 a.m. See pages 6 & 13.
Lenox Contra Dance: Music by Coincidance, with Eric Martin, calling by Jon Greene. All dances taught. 8 to 11:30 p.m., beginners session at 7:45. Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St. LenoxContraDance.org, or call 528-4007 for information.
Wednesday, July 19: Yoga and Healing, with Connie Wilson, 7 to 9 p.m., community center. See page 9.
Monday, July 24:
Adult book group: *Me Before You*, by John Moyes. 7:30 p.m., Monterey library. See page 12.
Monterey News Deadline

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Thursday, July 27: Creative writing group, 7:30 p.m., community center.
Saturday, July 29:
Library plant and book sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See page 6.
Bidwell History Talk: John Demos, *Travels with Satan: My Fifty Years as a Witchcraft Historian,* Tyringham Union Church. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. 10 a.m. See page 19.
Fire Company Annual Steak Roast, 5 to 7 p.m. See page 7.
Saturday, August 5:
Library summer program: Tom Sieling, singing "Take a Tromp Through the Swamp,"10:30 a.m. See pages 6 & 13.
Bidwell House Museum's Summer Gala, at Fiddletop. 4 to 7 p.m. See BidwellHouseMuseum.org.
Movie night, sponsored by Monterey Parks Commission, 8:30 p.m., Greene Park. See page 7.

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